

SECTION A:READING

I. Passage 1

1. (b) Its wings were injured
2. (b) He took it home and treated its wounds
3. (c) By leading him and his family to safety during a storm
4. (c) The power of kindness and gratitude
5. Arav's deep understanding of animals helps him recognize eagles's distress and take care of it. Later, this bond saved his life when the eagle guided his family to **safety during the storm.**
6. The eagle's final cry symbolized gratitude and farewell. It was a way of thanking Arav for his kindness and promising to remember him.
7. The storm caused massive destruction, uprooting trees and destroying houses. Arav and his family were trapped, and they would have been in danger if not for the eagle's guidance.
8. Flew or glided
9. Weak
10. Yes, I would have helped the eagle because kindness towards animals is important. Helping others, even if they cannot repay immediately, creates a bond of trust and goodwill, just like the eagle later helped Arav.

II. Passage 2

1. c) Hydrogen and helium
2. b) Because the Earth rotates
3. c) 8 minutes
4. b) It can harm our eyes
5. The Sun provides light and heat, making life possible on Earth. It helps plants grow, controls the climate, and provides energy.
6. The Sun's gravity keeps all the planets in orbit around it, making it the center of the solar system.
7. Solar storms are bursts of energy from the Sun that can affect satellites, power grids, and communication systems on Earth.
8. important
9. heat
10. The Sun provides energy that helps plants grow and keeps the Earth warm.

SECTION B: WRITING

III. ANSWERS MAY VARY

SECTION C: GRAMMAR

**VI DO AS DIRECTED**

- 1.b) in
  - 2.c) to help
  - 3.c) most exciting
  - 4.a) few
  - 5.a)but
  6. b) Winter
  7. b) kitchen
  8. d) Both a and B
  9. Deep
  10. a) are discussing
  11. She studied hard however, she did not pass the exam.
  12. A piece if cake
  13. Quickly (This is an adverb of manner.)
  14. Can you please send the report by 5 pm?
  15. swimming
  16. had left
  17. of
  18. Adjective: hardworking (Describes the noun 'student')
- Type: Descriptive Adjective
19. Comparative: happier
- Superlative: happiest
20. Was she working in the garden?

**SECTION D:LITERATURE**

**VII EXTRACT 1**

A. (a) 'I' refers to the earthquake in these lines.

(b) The word 'rash' here means acting without careful thought or taking unnecessary risks.

(c) 'I' felt that he had been rash because his actions or decisions were made hastily and without proper thought.

B. 1. B

2. B

3. B

C. a. These words were said by a German soldier to an English soldier.

b. The term 'many' referred to the German soldiers who had previously worked in England before the war.

c. By saying 'before all this,' the speaker meant the time before World War I had begun, when he was living a normal life as a waiter at Hotel Cecil in London.

### **VIII. Q/A**

a. The poet calls the banyan tree 'shaggy-headed' because its branches and leaves spread out like (unkempt) messy hair.

b. Tom was woken up by his friend Henry. When Tom woke up, he saw something unexpected—German soldiers coming towards them without weapons, waving and calling out "Merry Christmas!" It was a moment of peace amidst the war, as soldiers from both sides stepped out of their trenches to celebrate Christmas together.

c. Yes, the choice of the Lydian's name has turned out to be prophetic. The name 'Lydian' is linked to music as it represents musical scale and 'Nadhaswaram' refers to an auspicious musical instrument. Lydian's life has been deeply connected with music and he has become a world famous musical prodigy, fulfilling the musical promise in his name.

### **IX. W/M**

a. to hold someone's attention (Sentence may vary)

b. evening meal (Sentence may vary)

c. to regret (Sentence may vary)

### **X. VOCABULARY WORDS**

1. dark or poorly lit

2. to find and bring something back

3. the natural home or environment of a living being

4. a new idea or method

5. easily broken or damaged

6. always giving support and remaining faithful